

House Resolution 948

By: Representative Abdul-Salaam of the 74th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Lieutenant David Williams; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Lieutenant David Williams has been a Georgia law enforcement officer for 24
3 years and is highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local
4 government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound
5 principles of law enforcement; and

6 WHEREAS, Lt. Williams served for 15 years with the Clayton County Police Department,
7 during which time he was assigned to several specialized patrol units and gained experience
8 as a K-9 handler; and

9 WHEREAS, after years of dedicated service with the police department, Lt. Williams took
10 a position with the Clayton County Sheriff's Office; and

11 WHEREAS, on August 13, 2007, Lt. Williams demonstrated valor and courage as he placed
12 his own safety on the line in order to rescue a suspect and ultimately save his life; and

13 WHEREAS, during the high speed vehicle pursuit of a suspect, the offender briefly alluded
14 authorities after his vehicle crashed in a wooded area; and

15 WHEREAS, upon seeing smoke coming from the woods, Lt. Williams investigated the area
16 and found the suspect he had been pursuing was trapped in his car while it was caught
17 aflame; and

18 WHEREAS, without regard to his own well being or the fact that the man trapped was an
19 alleged criminal, Lt. Williams broke through the window and pulled the man trapped inside
20 to safety; and

21 WHEREAS, Lt. Williams currently serves as unit commander for the department's fugitive
22 unit which works with the United States Marshal Service's Southeast Regional Fugitive Task
23 Force in apprehending dangerous felons; and

24 WHEREAS, under Lt. Williams's command of the weeklong Operation Falcon, 30 dangerous
25 fugitives were arrested, seven of which were listed in Clayton County's Top Ten Most
26 Wanted for crimes ranging from murder to aggravated child molestation; and

27 WHEREAS, Lt. Williams has exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,
28 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and his efficient and
29 effective commitment to excellence has been continually recognized by his peers; and

30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their
31 gratitude for the unique and often unheralded contributions of Lt. Williams and all local law
32 enforcement officers on behalf of the citizens of this state.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend the care, courage, and selfless dedication exhibited by
35 Lieutenant David Williams in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation for so many
36 years.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lieutenant David Williams.